(b) The overall industrial growth in April-December'94 as per the quick index of industrial production released by CSO is 8.3%. As per the advance information available in respect of 24 industries which account for a weight of 50% of the index of industrial production, the overall growth rate of these industries during April-February, 1994-95 is 9.2%.

Loss making PSUs

4778. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the loss making PSUs in the country have gone into the deep red during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to save those loss making PSUs by adjusting the amount of profit making PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) During the year 1993-94, upto which period only information is available 117 out of 240 operating Central PSEs incurred losses. The details of the enterprises and the amount of loss incurred during the five years ending 1993-94 have been detailed in Statement No. 7 B of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1993-94 laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 22nd March, 1995.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government. The Sick Industrial PSUs have been registered with Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). For other PSUs revival package is being prepared by respective administrative Ministry/Departments.

Employment in Khadi and Village Industries

4779. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to provide employment to the rural people in Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) whether there is a need to promote Khadi and Village Industries for the purpose;

(c) if so, the steps taken in tha,t direction so far during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the projection made for the remaining period of the Eighth Five year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the first three years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 617 crores have been released to KVIC for implementing programme in KVI Sector. Special Employment Programmes have also been launched.

(d) An enhanced plan outlay of Rs. 343 crores has been provided for the KVIC for the year 1995-96 as against an outlay of Rs. 214 crores during the year 1994-95. This has been done in order to implement the recommendations of the High Power Committee which examined the present status of Khadi and Village Industries in the country and gave its report for rejuvenation of this sector. The existing schemes of the KVIC are being restructured so as to provide gainful employment on a sustained basis in the KVI sector.

Committee for encouraging industries in tribal areas of Gujarat

4780. SHRIMATI ANANDIVEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have consti-

tuted any committee to set up and encourage industries in the tribal areas of Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to bring industrial revolution in the tribal and rural areas of this region and to provide opportunities of self-employment to the unemployed youth there; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for this purpose by Government in the next financial year, 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission has taken number of steps to improve the production and thereby employment in Khadi & Village Industries in Gujarat. KVIC has a proposal to implement Special Employment programme in 125 Blocks in the country. Under this programme the following blocks have been selected in Gujarat. The employment generation in each block is expected to be 1000.

Districts	*Blocks*
1. Valsad	Darampur
2. Surat	Palsana
3. Rajkot	Jasdan
4. Sabarkantha	Meghraj
5. Bhavnagar	Savarkundla
6. Surendranagar	Desada.

Besides the above, as per recommendation of the High Power Committee, KVIC has also decided to implement Special Programme in 50 backward districts of the country. In Gujarat, the Special Employment Programme is implemented in Banaskantha and Panchmahal districts. The employment generation in each district under this programme is estimated to be 1000 persons.

(c) KVIC is yet to earmark funds for these activities for 1995-96 for Gujarat.

लघु उद्योगों में निवेश की सीमा में वृद्धि

4781. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश के लघु उद्योगों में पूंजी निवेश की सीमा 1.5 करोड़ रुपये करने तथा बड़े और मध्यम उद्योगों की लघु उद्योगों में भागीदारी 24 प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर 49 प्रतिशत तक करने के निर्णय से लघु उद्योग की इकाइयों पर होने वाले प्रभाव का आकलन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच नहीं है कि लघु उद्योगों में वर्तमान प्रचलित व्यवस्था श्रम प्रधान होने के कारण तुलनात्मक दृष्टि से रोजगार के अधिक अवसर उपलब्ध कराने में सक्षम है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा लघु उद्योगों मे पूंजी प्रधान व्यवस्था स्थापित होने से कौन से अतिरिक्त लाभ होने की सम्भावना है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम): (क) निवेश और लघु उद्योगों में इक्विटी भागीदारी की अधिकतम सीमा बढ़ाने के बारे में अभी कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है। किन्तु ऐसे मामलों में कोई निर्णय लेने से पहले सभी सम्बद्ध बातों पर विचार किया जाता है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(ग) जी, हां।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

लघु उद्योग एककों में उत्पादन और निर्यात

4782. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री 16 मार्च, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 680 के दिए गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लघु उद्योग देश के कुल, उत्पादन में 40 प्रतिशत का योगदान करते हैं तथा देश के कुल निर्यात में 35 प्रतिशत योगदान इनका होता है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं; और